

sum of two thousand (2000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the expense of said commission.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 2, 1885.

CHAPTER 162.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ABANDONMENT OF ANY PERSON COMMITTED TO ANY HOSPITAL, FOR THE INSANE, FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That any officer or person who shall receive into his custody, any person for the purpose of conveying such person to any hospital for the insane for the state of Minnesota, and shall abandon such person before delivering him or her to the superintendent of any such hospital, and obtaining the indorsement of the receipt of such person by such superintendent upon the warrant or other order by virtue of which he received such person into his custody, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three (3) months nor less than ten (10) days or by fine not exceeding one-hundred (100) dollars nor less than twenty (20) dollars.

Deemed a misdemeanor—penalty.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved February 6, 1885.

CHAPTER 163.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS TO THE SECOND HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That section nineteen (19) of chapter thirty-five (35) of the statutes of one-thousand eight-hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be amended, so as to read as follows:

Admission of patients to hospital.

Sec. 19. Every insane person who is a *bona fide* resident of this state shall be admitted to one of the hospitals for the insane for the state of Minnesota, and maintained at the public expense free of charge to his or her relatives or friends, and upon equal terms with every other insane person; *Provided*, No person shall be admitted in either of the hospitals the second time, unless by the consent of the superintendent of said hospital, the president of the board and one (1) trustee.

How given admission a second time.

SEC. 2. That section twenty-one (21) of said chapter thirty-five (35) be amended, so as to read as follows:

How insane person may be committed.

Sec. 21. The probate judge or, in his absence, the court commissioner of any county, upon information being filed before him that there is an insane person in his county needing care and treatment, shall cause the person so alleged to be insane, to be examined by a jury consisting of two (2) respectable persons beside himself, one at least of whom shall be a physician, to ascertain the fact of his or her insanity; and if the said person is found to be insane, he shall upon the written certificate of the judge directed by a majority of the jury, issue duplicate warrants committing the person so found to be insane to the care of the superintendent of one (1) of the hospitals, and shall place the warrant in the hands of the sheriff or some other suitable person whom he shall authorize to convey the said insane person to the hospital, and such warrant may be in the following form to wit;

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
County of..... }

To the superintendent of the.....hospital for the insane:

..... having been upon examination found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive him (or her) into the hospital, and keep him (or her) there until legally discharged.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the probate court (or of the court commissioner) of said county this.....day of..... 18...

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Judge of Probate.

The duplicate warrant shall be filed in the office of the superintendent, and the original shall be returned with the superintendent's indorsement to the judge of probate and filed in his office.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1885.

Form of warrant.

When act to take effect.